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PEDAL FOR INDEPENDENCE



Several hundred demonstrators take to bicycles in the Lithuanian republic's capital of Vilnius yesterday as a show of how to respond to gasoline rationing provoked by the Soviet Union. Moscow's partial embargo of fuel was imposed after the Baltic republic declared independence. Meanwhile, the Soviets were said to have discussed an increased supply of natural gas for a fertilizer plant serving both Soviet and Lithuanian markets. Story, Page A13.

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Soviet Economic Blockade of Lithuania Eases Slightly

The flow of natural gas to Lithuania was nearly doubled as the Soviet Union eased part of its blockade. All oil supplies and shipments of many manufactured goods, raw materials and food items have been cut

off in an effort to make Lithuania back away from its declaration of independence. In Vilnius, a bicycle rally organized as a show of defiance of the blockade drew more than 1,000 demonstrators.